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Targets for Production of Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any targets for the production of foodgrains in the country during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the investment made/proposed to be made by the Government for the purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for achieving this target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) fixes targets for the production of foodgrains in the country annually. The targets for the production of foodgrains from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is given as under:

(In Million Tonnes)

Crop Foodgrains production Targets	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Rice	104.00	105.00	106.00	106.10	108.50
Wheat	88.00	92.50	94.00	94.75	96.50
Coarse cereals	44.00	42.50	41.50	43.20	44.35
Pulses	18.24	19.00	19.50	20.05	20.75
Total foodgrains	254.24	259.00	261.00	264.10	270.10

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(c): DAC & FW is already implementing two major centrally sponsored schemes of National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) for enhancing foodgrains production. The State wise release of funds made under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), from 2012-13 to 2016-17 are at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(d): Government of India is implementing various crop development programmes/schemes through State Governments such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) etc. to meet the targets for production of foodgrains. Under these schemes scientific crop production technologies are promoted at the farmer's field through cluster demonstrations and training of farmers with latest crop production technologies such as timely sowing, seed rate, recommended package of practices etc. Assistance is also provided to farmers on distribution of improved seeds/hybrids, farm implements/machines, irrigation devices, plant protection chemicals, bio pesticides for promoting Integrated Pest Management and soil ameliorants etc.

Further, new initiatives have been included under NFSM like distribution of seed minikits of newer varieties of pulses free of cost, creation of seed hubs at State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs), technological demonstration by KVKs and enhancing breeder seed production.

Various, other schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Soil Health Card Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) etc. also provide support to farmers for enhancing production of crops including foodgrains.